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Letter dated 20 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova of 18 November 1995, with reference to the decision of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, dated 17 November 1995 (see annex).

I would appreciate if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 81, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, issued at Chisinau on 18 November 1995

On 17 November 1995, the State Duma of the Russian Federation adopted the resolution "On the Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the Moldovian Transdniestrian Republic". According to this resolution, the President of the Russian Federation is advised to consider the Transdniestrian region of the Republic of Moldova as a zone of specific strategic interest to the Russian Federation and to examine the issue of recognition of the self-proclaimed "Transdniestrian Moldovan Republic". At the same time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation is solicited to open immediately a Russian Consulate at Tiraspol. The State Duma agreed to send its observers to the illegal referendum scheduled for 24 December 1995, organized by the separatists' authorities and aimed at admittance of the self-proclaimed republic to the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs qualifies this resolution of the State Duma of the Russian Federation as an unfriendly act towards the Republic of Moldova, as an open interference in its internal affairs. This resolution is at conflict with the efforts made by the leadership of the Republic of Moldova and that of the Russian Federation and supported actively by international organizations, which are aimed at settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict in a peaceful way. It is likely to cause serious harm to Moldovan-Russian relations, to peace and security in the region. The resolution of the State Duma outrageously violates the basic principles of the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), first of all those regarding the territorial integrity of States, non-violation of frontiers and non-interference in the internal affairs of the other States, and creates a dangerous precedent for security and stability in Europe and in the whole world.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova appeals to the States members of the United Nations and OSCE to express their disapproval of the resolution of the State Duma of the Russian Federation and to undertake necessary measures aimed at ensuring the territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova and respect of the principles and norms of international law by all States members of the United Nations and OSCE.